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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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SOURCE

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1. The radio installation, located 3 km northwest of Fliege (N 53/Z 13), and 1 km south-southwest of Neuplaue (N 53/Z 13), was gone on 23 April 1951. Only dismantled telegraph poles, which extended toward the northeast, and an earth bunker were left. The bunker was empty. A local resident said that the installation was removed about the middle of April. (1)

2. A new radio installation, consisting of a metal mast about 10 meters high, was seen about 80 meters west of the Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/Z 23) road, between the villages of Briest and Butterlake. The mast was braced at three points. Six long antennas radiated from the top of the mast. Next to the mast there was a trailer and a small wooden hut. Two air force soldiers were seen at the radio installation, from which a telephone line led toward the Briest airfield. (2)
3. On 24 April, 16 jet fighters with swept-back wings were counted on the western edge of the field. Four single-engine low-wing monoplanes and five biplanes were also parked at the field. Four jet fighters practiced flying between 9 and 10 a.m. in clear weather. (3) Flying time was 25 minutes. Installations at the field included one radio installation with four masts south-southwest of Briest, one searchlight mounted on a wooden pedestal at the Fliege-Briest road, and four heavy AA guns northwest of the field. (4) [REDACTED] came from the field. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) This is possibly the radio installation with four masts which was reported [REDACTED]. It was possibly rendered unnecessary by the establishment of a similar installation south-southwest of Briest. [REDACTED]

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- (2) This is probably the outer landing beacon. Characteristic of a landing beacon is its location in the extension of the runway and the fact that six wires fitted at the upper end of the mast lead to the ground at a comparatively obtuse angle.
- (3) This confirms the occupation of the field. One fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s is believed to be stationed in Briest.
- (4) The motor vehicle numbers probably belong to the ground units of the fighter regiment.

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